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Montana State University, under contract with the National Park Service, will conduct an archaeological survey in Yellowstone Park this summer, MSU officials announced.

Two graduate students in anthropology, under the direction of Dr. Dee C. Taylor of Montana University, will work full time from July 1 through the summer in parts of the park that are inaccessible most of the year. They will synthesize and classify known archaeological sites, such as the Bannock Trail and certain camp and burial sites, and will be on the alert for new discoveries. The MSU archaeological faculty will relate the students' findings to the archaeology of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho, and will submit a report to the NPS.

The graduate students assigned to the project are John J. Hoffman, Great Falls, and George W. Arthur, Elliston.

The NPS project and others undertaken under an accelerated archaeological program at the University are possible because of the addition of Dr. Taylor to the staff, MSU officials said. Another anthropologist in the department has resulted in the expansion of the activities that were carried on alone by Dr. Carling I. Malouf until Dr. Taylor joined the faculty in the fall of 1957.

One of the continuing projects engaged in by the University is the archaeological exploration of Fort Owen, begun by Dr. Malouf in April 1957. Dr. Malouf expects that the Anthropology Dept. will have catalogued about 1,000 specimens when the project is completed. Fort Owen provides anthropology students with a convenient area in which to learn excavation and archaeological techniques, he said. Excavations at Fort Owen are aimed at locating and outlining the old buildings within the State Monument, he added.